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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL: DRAFT CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON
SYG'S REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST

REF: USUN 745

1. EGYPTIANS HAVE INFORMED US AND OTHER SC MEMBERS OF THEIR HOPE TO LIMIT DEBATE TO "TWO OR THREE" COUNCIL MEETINGS BEGINNING MARCH 16 IN THE MORNING. IF THE SC AGREES AT ITS CONSULTATIONS TOMORROW TO MEET BOTH MORNING AND AFTERNOON MARCH 16, WHICH WE ARE QUIETLY PROMOTING, DEBATE COULD CONCEIVABLY CONCLUDE AT MORNING MEETING MARCH 17. IN VIEW OF HOPE OF PROMPT CONCLUSION OF THIS ITEM, WE PREPARED BELOW DRAFT CONSENSUS STATEMENT. DRAFT STATEMENT WHICH CONTAINS MINIMAL LANGUAGE MAY BE USEFUL, IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, IN HEADING OFF NONALIGNED AND ARAB EXUBERANCE.

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2. DRAFT STATEMENT:

"FOLLOWING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 15, THE SECURITY COUNCIL MET ON MARCH 16 AND 17 (?) ON THE "REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL SUBMITTED UNDER GA RESOLUTION 31/62 CONCERNING THE PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST." STATEMENTS WERE HEARD BY MEMBERS OF THE

COUNCIL AND THE PARTIES.

"FROM THESE STATEMENTS AS WELL AS FROM THE EARLIER CONSULTATIONS IT WAS CLEAR THAT A SENSE OF THE COUNCIL DEVELOPED OF ITS WISH TO TAKE NOTE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT AND TO CONVEY TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL ITS SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR HIS EFFORTS. THE COUNCIL TOOK NOTE AS WELL OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S EXPRESSED INTENT TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR THE MEANS BY WHICH THE PEACE CONFERENCE ON THE MIDDLE EAST CAN BE CONVENED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE AND TO KEEP THE COUNCIL INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS."

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